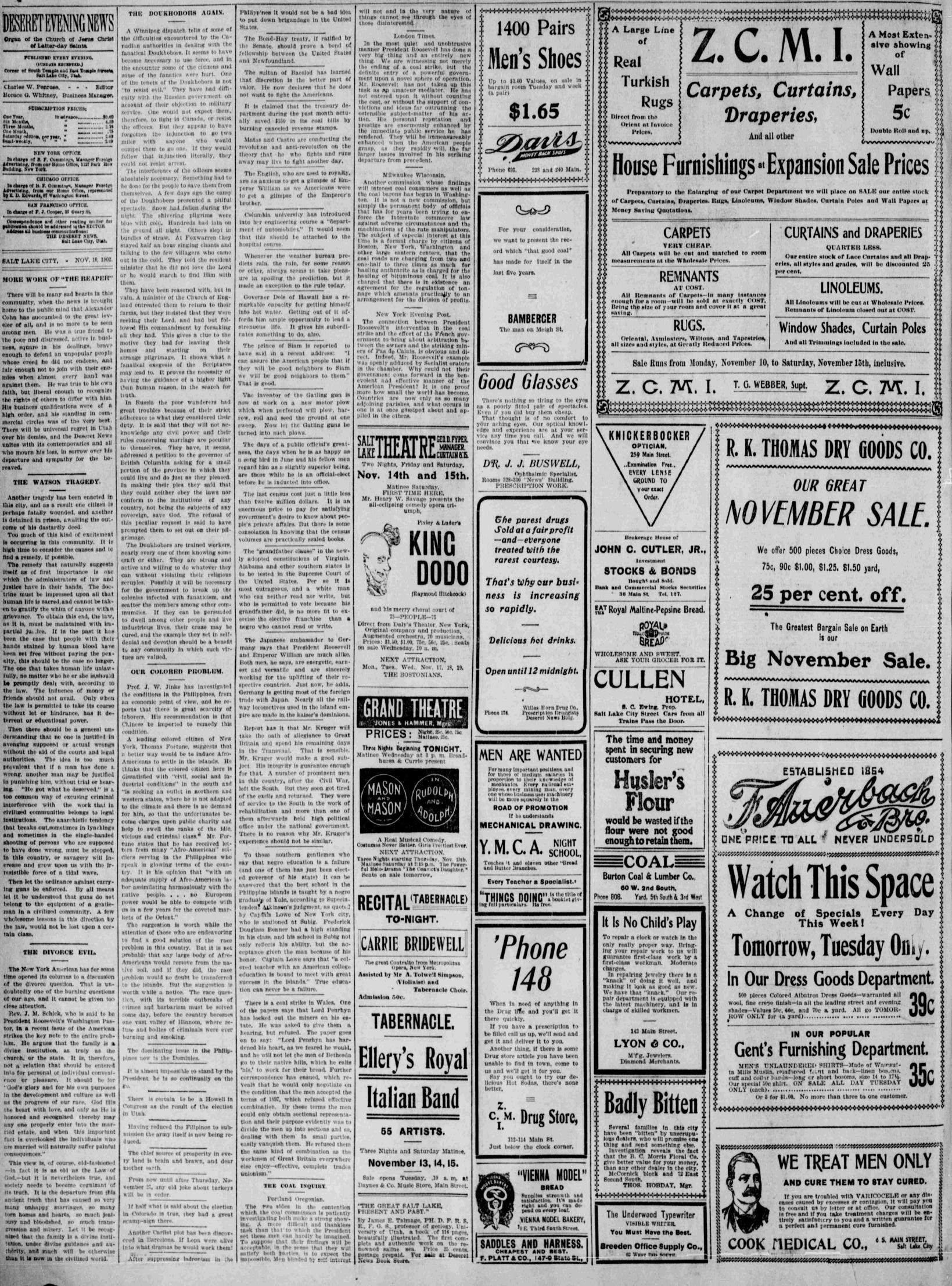
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hands stained by human blood have been set free without paying the penalty, this should be the case no longer. The one that takes human life unlawfully, no matter who he or she is, should be promptly dealt with, according to the law. The influence of money or friends should not avail. Only when the law is permitted to take its course without let or hindrance, has it deterrent or educational power.

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derstanding that no one is justified in avenging supposed or actual wrongs without the aid of the courts and legal authorities. The idea is too much prevalent that if a man has done a wrong, another man may be justified in punishing him, without trial or hearing. "He got what he deserved," is a too common way of excusing criminal interference with the work that in civilized communities belongs to legal institutions. The anarchistic tendency that breaks out sometimes in lynchings and sometimes in the single-handed shooting of persons who are supposed to have done wrong, must be stopped, in this country, or savagery will increase and grow upon us with the irresistible force of a tidal wave.

Then let the ordinance against carrying guns be enforced. By all means let it be understood that guns do not belong to the equipment of a gentleman in a civilized community. A few wholesome lessons in this direction by the law, would not be lost upon a certain class.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

The New York American has for some time opened its columns to a discussion of the divorce question. That is undoubtedly one of the burning questions of our age, and it cannot be given too close attention.

Rev. J. M. Schlek, who is said to be President Roosevelt's Washington Pastor, in a recent issue of the American strikes the key note to the entire prob-Icm. He argues that the family is a divine institution, as truly as the church, or the state. It is, therefore, not a relation that should be entered into for personal or individual convenience or pleasure. It should be for "God's glory and for his own purposes in the development and culture as well as the progress of our race. God fills the heart with love, and only as He is honored and recognized thereby may any one properly enter into the married estate, and when this important fact is overlooked the individuals who are married will naturally suffer painful consequences."

This view is, of course, old-fashioned -in fact it is as old as the Law of God,-but it is nevertheless true, and society needs to become cognizant of its truth. It is the departure from this ancient troth that has caused so very many unhappy marriages, so many torn homes and hearts, so much jealousy and bloodshed, so much transgression and misery. Let it be recognized that the family is a divine institution, under divine guidance and authority, and much will be otherwise than it is now in the civilized world.